

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

The broadcast flag will interfere with fair use of broadcasts.

What they want is to limit use to their definition of personal use. This is not good for consumers, and in the long run will stifle creative development of media.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? The flag would limit what types of devices and operating systems would be able to play "personal use" recorded material.

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Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Both older and not yet developed equipment and software will be prevented from playing flagged programs.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

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What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

It will make consumer electronics more expensive both from additional hardware requirements, and from the added liability if the equipment doesn't function properly and allows non "personal use" copies.

Other Comments:

Please don't restrict fair use of broadcast material. The copyright is a bargain between producers and consumers. If you add new restrictions, the bargain may no longer work.